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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/603,800

Applicants: Junji HAMURO, et al.

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For: TRANSPLANT REJECTION SUPPRESSOR

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Nguyen, Q.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Election of Species Requirement

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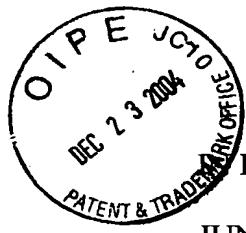
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated November 30, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, (A) macrophages as a cell species (Claims 1-20 read on this species), (B) N,N'-diacylcystine as a substance from those listed in the Markush group of Claim 3 (Claims 1-20 read on this species), and (C) corneal epithelium as an organ from those listed in the Markush group of Claim 5 or Claim 6 (Claims 1-20 read on this species) for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has is requiring a further election of Species for *each* of the following sub-generic groups:

A. A cell species selected from:

- 1.) macrophages
- 2.) monocytes, and
- 3.) dendric cells;

B. A substance from those listed in the Markush group of Claim 3; and